

BOOK NOTICES

SHAW, RICHARD J. 1995. **Utah Wildflowers, A Field Guide to Northern and Central Mountains and Valleys.** (ISBN 0-87421-170-0, pbk). Utah State University Press, Utah State University, Logan, UT 84322-7800. \$12.95. 218 pp, 102 color photographs, 4⁷/₈" x 8¹/₂".

This is a convenient sized book that is a portable pictorial guide to the wildflowers of Utah. Its geographic range is limited to the 21 northern and central counties of Utah. Brief introductory topics include photographing wildflowers, organization of flowers by color, among other topics. There are over 100 species of flowering plants illustrated by excellent color photographs. Each color photograph occupies about ¹/₃ to ¹/₂ of each page and the nontechnical species description, common and scientific name occur on the adjacent preceding page so that the reader views the species description and color photograph side by side. There are no keys to the identification of the species other than the pictures. There is a single page of selected references, common botanical terms, and the index finalizes the book. Outdoor enthusiasts such as hikers, bikers, and campers that visit Utah and the Rocky Mountains in neighboring states will find this book a welcome addition to field guides to our western states.—*Harold W. Keller, Research Associate, BRIT.*

PRIMACK, RICHARD B. 1995. **A Primer of Conservation Biology.** (ISBN 0-87893-730-7, pbk). Sinauer Associates, Inc., Publishers, 23 Plumtree Road, Sunderland, MA 01375. \$18.95. 230 pp, 110 b/w illustrations, 7¹/₄" x 9¹/₈".

This book, according to the author, follows two previous textbooks used in introductory conservation biology courses. This primer represents a "quick" guide to the field for those who want a basic familiarity with conservation biology that covers the major concepts and problems. It is designed for use in short courses in conservation biology and as a guide for professionals who require a background in the subject but who have no need for the in depth case studies and discussions presented in the other two books.

Chapter headings are as follows: Conservation Biology and Biological Diversity; Threats to Biological Diversity; Conservation at the Population and Species Level; Conservation at the Community Level; Conservation and Sustainable Development. Each chapter is followed by a summary of major points that facilitates the quick recovery of the most important information. Suggested readings, mostly published in the 1990's, are located at the end of each chapter and a more extensive bibliography of over 450 references concludes the book. The appendix has a list of selected environmental organizations and sources of information that will be helpful in obtaining assistance from national and international organizations.—*Harold W. Keller, Research Associate, BRIT.*